

85 PC. RENT CUT ORDERED

Reduction of 75 Per Cent Demanded By Board In Another Decision.

High rents in Washington were given a shot this morning when the District Rent Commission ordered one landlord to reduce his rent 85 per cent, and another landlord was ordered to make a reduction of 75 per cent.

In an opinion handed down in the complaint of Peter L. Hanson against Mrs. Jessie Porter Wood, the commission declared that a rental of \$90 for premises 1712 Euclid street northwest was unreasonable, and ordered it cut to \$22.50.

The house in controversy has six rooms. Mr. Hanson stated to the commission that it was necessary for him either to sign a lease for \$30 or walk the streets with his family. The house that he formerly lived in was sold, and he was compelled to move. Mr. Hanson declared he tried every means to find a home with a rental within reason, but failed.

Mrs. Wood took the position, in her answer filed with the commission, that the tenant was not entitled to rent, and that the property is worth more, and rented for \$150, furnished, prior to his rental.

In the case of Major Henry B. Clark against Richardson Gibson, agent for Mrs. N. Wheeler, the commission ordered the rent for premises 1639 Nineteenth street northwest cut from \$175 to \$100.

In the case of Charles W. White and Elvira White against James A. Brown, the complainant was given possession of premises, 214 T street northwest.

The complainant also was given possession of property at 1406 Harvard street northwest, in the case of Maud DeLaunay against Cecil W. Taylor.

In the case of Charles J. Walter against Fred J. Spindler, the complainant was given possession of property at 1226 G street northeast.

PLAY AT ST. JOHN'S.

The annual spring play by students of St. John's school, entitled "For One Night Only" was given in the Carroll Hall, Tenth and G streets northwest, last night. More than 400 persons attended. The play will be repeated tonight.

The cast included John L. Whalen, Earl Francis Plannin, Charles W. McCarthy, John M. McDonnell, John E. Turner, Hugh D. Carr, James Malcolm Turton, James F. Elliott, and John Ridenour. The director is Dennis E. Connell.

IT'S A HABIT NOW

Marshall-Adkins Outfit of Limerickers Just Can't Be Beat.

WINS NEW YORK PRIZE

Washington Man Gets \$100 From American For Best Jingle Line.

The Marshall-Adkins outfit has won another limerick contest.

This time it is Elmer W. Marshall, 1519 Park road, a clerk in the adjutant-general's office.

He received a telegram yesterday from the New York American saying he had been awarded \$100 for the best last line to one of a series of incomplete limericks the American has been running, similar to the successful limerick contest recently conducted by the Washington Times.

This makes Mr. Marshall's seventh limerick victory.

His brother-in-law, William S. Adkins, 1323 Park road, won the first prize awarded in the series of fifty-one limericks conducted by the Washington Times.

Ten days later, when the Limerick Editor went to break the news to Miss Valeria Marshall, 1519 Park road, that she was a \$100 winner, he found she was a sister-in-law of Mr. Adkins, and a sister of Elmer W. Marshall.

Different members of the Marshall and Adkins families received honorable mention for other limericks in the contest.

Now Elmer Marshall, who is to draw money from the "1500" contest, carries off the honors in New York.

Ten years ago the Times had a limerick contest in which Mr. Marshall received second prize. His lines were:

"There once was a hardened old sinner,
Who ate all he could when at dinner;
On a Turkish bath car
He went, and he said, 'I'm a winner.'"

Fits Present Day Conditions.

The first prize winner in that contest, by Miss Martha Hoyt, 322 Indiana avenue, might have been used today. It was:

"The car people modestly tried
Their smiles from the public to hide—
Is indeed said 'tis true,
What matter, so long as you ride!"

Lack of \$5,000 Forces D. C. Night Schools to Close Doors to 5,000

Lack of \$5,000 has compelled the closing of practically all of the night schools of the National Capital, resulting in more than 5,000 students, including many men and women, and youths compelled to work during the day, being prevented from continuing studies until the close of the regular school term, June 23.

Funds Are Exhausted.

That there are not sufficient funds on hand for the continued operation of all the night schools is not due to lack of caution on the part of the Board of Education. The board asked Congress for \$85,000, receiving only \$75,000, for the cost of maintaining the night schools.

The only night schools to continue will be Business High, Garnet and Armstrong, the latter two colored institutions. The Board of Education finds it only has about \$10,000 left for the conduct of the night schools, and it has been arranged to consolidate certain special classes from all the night schools into a group at Business High. At the board meeting yesterday it was decided to give \$100 a night for expenses for Business High and \$100 a night for each of the other night schools.

More Teachers Needed.

It was stated, however, that under normal conditions the \$75,000 appropriated for the maintenance of the night schools by Congress would have amply provided for all expenses, but with the great influx of war workers to the Capital and the jump in wages, it has necessitated a greater number of teachers than normally needed which has resulted in the money not going along to pay for the maintenance of all the night schools.

"It seems a disgrace to Congress," said a Washington business man today, "that it has not appropriated sufficient funds to continue all of the night schools. Because of the high cost of living many youths have been compelled to go out and work, and thus are prevented from attending day schools."

These future citizens have attended the night schools, getting the education necessary for them to make good.

Congress should take up the deficiency at once and appropriate the necessary sum for the continuance of the night schools.

It was stated at the Board of Education this morning that the night schools for years have faced the same situation because Congress has consistently failed to appropriate enough money to cover expenses until the regular school term closed.

Drop 184 Teachers.

One hundred and eighty-four teachers in the night schools have been dropped as a result of the closing of the schools. The board announced the following changes in personnel of the teacher corps:

Appointments—Miss O. A. Taylor, Central; Mrs. R. N. Morse, Eaton; Miss E. I. McMillan, Abbot; M. V. Ball, Americanization work; Miss E. E. Brown, Abbot; Mrs. R. D. Burchard, school gardens; M. L. Maffei, Bryant; Dr. R. W. McCullough, dental inspector; Miss Josephine Brown, Park View; Mrs. M. O. Chenevix, Brightwood Park; Mrs. E. N. Burgess, Carberry; Miss E. L. Cronin, West; Miss M. E. Tracy, Gale; Miss M. L. Hickok, school gardens; Miss L. A. Hall, Cardozo; Miss M. J. McDonnell, Eaton; Miss Maude Moody, domestic art; E. P. Hardell, McKinley.

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Resignations—L. M. Anderson, Manual Training; J. D. Mason, Americanization work; Mrs. H. R. Regan, Curtis; Mrs. M. L. Leyden, Central; Mrs. A. B. Schall, Smallwood-Bowen; Mrs. P. Williams, Walledonia; Mrs. A. H. Martin, Bryant; J. C. Costello, Park View; E. L. Grigsby, Dent; L. J. Campbell, Carberry; E. V. Ellis, West; M. U. Mudd, Seaton; Mrs. A. P. Martin, school gardens; O. C. Martin, Eaton.

Retirements—Miss E. C. Dyer, L. M. Bishop, Dennison; Miss A. A. Norton, Curtis; Miss Mary Cleveland, Abbot.

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D.C. SOCIETY LEADER INSURED BY ARTIST

Alfredo Galli Alleges That Mrs. Littauer Owes Him \$1,000 For Painting.

Alfredo Galli, a portrait painter of New York, today filed suit against Mrs. Catherine M. Littauer, a well-known society woman, residing at 2346 Massachusetts avenue, for \$1,000 alleged to be due on account of the painting of a portrait of Miss Louise Littauer, the daughter of the defendant.

Signor Galli, represented by Attorney Frank S. Paladini, alleges that, February 18, 1917, it was agreed between Mrs. Littauer and himself that he should paint the portrait in question, and that in March, 1917, at the request of Mrs. Littauer, he gave her daughter sittings after her school hours.

The portrait was completed June 25, 1917, according to Galli, who says Mrs. Littauer asked him to purchase a frame for it. The regular price for the portrait, said the artist, was \$2,000, but he allowed a special discount of \$1,000, leaving a balance of \$1,000, which he says the defendant refused to pay.

The picture is at present at a local art store. The artist says he is a citizen of Italy and resident of New York city, and has been for over twenty-five years "an artist specially skilled and experienced in the painting of portraits and has studied under teachers of international reputation."

He gives a long list of notable men and women whose portraits he claimed he has painted.

CHAMPION DOGS ARE
ENTERED FOR D. C. SHOW

Scout With Military Decorations From France Among Canine Royalty Already Listed.

The noted dogs entered for the Washington dog show, to be held in the Coliseum over Center Market, May 7 and 8, will include George Sumner Lane's champion bulldog, "Thunderbolt," and a French bulldog, \$5,000 Pekinese and a scout dog with military decorations from the French government, besides other canine heroes with honorable service in the world war.

The latest entries include: Colliex—James A. Callan, S. G. Donahoe, St. Bernard—Andrew V. Arrington (English bulldog), Mrs. M. S. Murphy, Pekinese—Mrs. Charles D. Chapin, Mrs. L. A. Anderson, Mrs. Florence S. Auguste, Toy poodles—Helen Mary, Beagles—Capt. J. R. Emory, Jr., U. S. A., Rovers—Mrs. R. H. Atkinson (English bulldog), Willis W. Parker, M. J. Donahoe, Bull terriers—F. D. Engels, Boston terriers—R. H. Atkinson, Lucy Leffingwell, King Charles spaniels—Mrs. F. D. Butler, James A. Ring, Alredale—George B. Elliott, Cocker spaniel—E. Hume Talbot.

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AMATEURS TO GIVE 3 ONE-ACT PLAYS

D. C. Dramatic Clubs to Be Seen At Postoffice Theater Tuesday Night.

Three one-act plays will be presented by amateur Washington dramatic clubs in the "Little Theater" at the Postoffice Department at 8 o'clock Tuesday night.

The War Risk Players will put on a play entitled "How the Vote Was Won." This will be followed by "The Test," by the Home Club Players of the Interior Department and by the offering of the Drama League Players, "Patent Applied For." The three clubs are directed by Miss Esther Gunnison, Guy L. Harper, and C. H. Gifford, respectively.

The plays are being presented under the auspices of the Federated Dramatic Clubs of Washington, of which Mrs. S. Burleson, widow of the Postmaster General, is president, and C. H. Gifford, secretary.

Other members of the federation in addition to the three clubs represented tonight, are the Arts Club Players, Postoffice Department Players, George Washington University Players, Readers' Club Players, Shakespeare Club, Chevy Chase School Players, and the Park View Players.

Under the by-laws of the federation the entire receipts from each play are put into a fund for establishing a community theater at which all the amateur dramatic interests of the District will center.

The plays will be interspersed with two groups of interpretive dances by members of the Players' Lyric School of Interpretive Dancing, under direction of Miss Bathol and Miss Murray.

ST. GABRIEL'S CHURCH
FUND IS SHORT \$12,000

Drive For \$50,000 Is Nearing Close. Many Liberal Contributions Are Reported.

Leaders in the drive for \$50,000 for St. Gabriel's Catholic Church announced today that only \$12,000 is needed to complete the fund. They expect to raise this amount by Saturday night.

At a meeting last night of the campaign committee the following subscriptions were reported: B. F. Saul, \$100; a donation of \$25 to the memory of Agnes M. Shekel and John W. Shekel, and another \$200 in memory of Margaret Leonard. The following gave \$100 each: William P. Riley, Mrs. Emma K. Eubank, Lorenzo Syll, in memory of William M. Mead, Murphy & Olmsted, George J. Hurst, Mrs. Bricks, in memory of William Francis Ryan, Elizabeth Davis, York Theater Company, Phillips F. Gormley, in memory of Mrs. Mary M. McCarthy, Mrs. S. E. Miller and relations, in memory of James and Mary O'Connor, Mrs. Francis Miller, Dr. Michael J. Ready, J. E. Mullins.

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